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Scheme of Reform Pro- press. posed by Spanish Ministers.

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to Govern the Island's Affairs.

NATIVES TO BE IN OFFICE.

Can Fix Their Own Budget and Arrange the Tariff

TO SIGN THE DECREE SATURDAY

Effect of the Reform Measure Will Be Bad on Spaniards, as They Think Too Much Is

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Lord Salisbury.

Prince of Wales.

Bayard.

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SIGNING STIRS CARACAS.

Press of the Venezuelan Capital Opposes the Form in Which the Treaty Is Pro-

> gressing to Ratification. By W. Nephew King.

Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 3.—The signing of the Guiana boundary arbitration treaty in Washington yesterday by Venezuelan Identity of the Belle of Insisted on the First Qua-Minister Andrade for Venezula, has provoked bitter comments in the Caracas

The papers this morning, reverting to the it means a United States protectorate, and almost unanimously decry the form in which the trenty is progressing toward All New York Was Talking of She Had Promised It to Mrs. Fred-

A bitter debate in Congress when the convention is presented to that body for An Administrative Council ratification is foreshadowed. It is not doubted, however, that President Crespo OF AN OLD SOUTHERN FAMILY. FINALLY GIVEN TO MRS. ASTOR. will eventually be able to make the National Legislature do his bidding in the matter She Has Been in the City Only a Fort- Additional Costumes for the Occasion

> United States Minister Thomas had two conferences to-day with Senor Rojas, Minlster of Foreign Affairs, and a Cabinet meeting was held at the Casa Amarilla, the Executive mansion.

DARING FIREBUG'S WORK. the second hour in Mrs. A. M. Quarrier's den Mills would drop out entirely with

Plied a Match.

A daring attempt at arson was made at No. 443 East Fifty-eighth street, yesterday then that she was famous. She had asmorning about 6 o'clock. The house is a cended the Metropolitan Opera House stairfour-story and basement brownstone flat, and is owned by Rudolph Muller, of No. 4 solution which Raphael, surrounded by

Granted.

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Madrid, Feb. 3.—Cuban reforms were decided upon to-day by the Ministers in council. The decree promulgating the reforms is preceded by an explanation of its motives. The principal points are as follows:

Beekman place.

Kate Weber, a servant in the employ of Jonas Beerman, who lives on the third floor, was aroused by the milkman, and on going downstairs she discovered a strong odor of shooke. She called in the milkman, Thomas Kennedy, of No. 334 council. The decree promulgating the reforms is preceded by an explanation of its motives. The principal points are as follows:

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His Most Distinguished Countrymen at a Dinner.

Queen and President Toasted.

The table was decorated with moss

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and tare flowers. Silver candelabra and the

valuable old plate of the Bayard family

KENTUCKY BUD.

the Charity Ball Disclosed.

subject, by reason of that step declare that MISS ALICE CASTLEMAN. THE HOSTESS IN A FIX.

the Stranger's Beauty Yesterday.

night, but Her Wit Is Not Lacking in Edge, and Her Appreciation Seems Intense.

The superb clock where Carrier Belleuse

Miss Alice Castleman did not know even

J. R. Garter.

MRS. OGDEN MILLS WOULD STAY AWAY.

drille at Mrs. Bradley Martin's Ball.

eric Bronson, Who Readily Relinguished the Honor.

Which Will Help to Make It the Most Brilliant Event of the Kind Ever Seen Here.

has grouped all the figures of the en-chanted hours, frivolous or terrible, marked It was feared at one time that Mrs. Ogdrawing room, on Madison avenue, yester her incroyable quadrille if she was no Soaked the Stairway of a Big Apartment day morning, when Miss Alice Castleman alloted first place. So far as can be returned from the Charity Ball, at which of precedence has agitated New York so-John Jacob Astor's choice had crowned her of precedence has agitated New York so-belle.

of precedence has agitated New York so-clety. It is said that Mrs. Ogden Mills some days since informed Mrs. Bradley arranged a quadrille for the ball.

The story goes that after Mrs. Bradley

Mills said that she naturally, with stress on the naturally, expected first place. Mrs. Martin thereupon remarked that this had already been promised to Mrs. Frederic Bronson, who has the debutante Louis XV. quadrille in charge.

Mrs. Mills said that if this was the case she must withdraw her dance and deprive herself of the pleasure of attending the

The municipalities and Provincial councils will obtain such a measure of independence, both pollicial and administrative, that the Governor-General's functions will be reduced to next to nothing, since appeals in every case of municipal and proposals in every case of municipal and p Kitty Duer, of colonial times. The Kings still live in their manor house, on the bluff

at Weehawken.
Mrs. Ogden Mills was a Miss Livingston, BAYARD'S BOARD. and she also is connected with prominent old New York families. Nevertheless, she is allied by marriage with a member of the The American Ambassador Entertains the Prince of Wales and Over a Score of new multi-millionaire set. Under the circumstances, if precedence was really to be considered, Mrs. Bronson might certainly have held her own.

> Mrs. Martin finally hit upon the -an of naving Mrs. Astor arrange a quadrille and lead off. As it now stands, Mrs. Astor's quadrille will come first. In this quadrille the dancers will be in the costumes they have selected, without reference to unlformity of era. Mrs. Ogden Mills's encroy able quadrille will follow. The encroyable dress, it appears, is the extreme foppish-ness of the Directoire period. Mrs. Mills's quadrille will be very pretty and pictu-

there are but few of this season's young ladies to participate

Mrs. Belmont May Have a Feature.

Afterward Mrs. Edmund Baylles will come forward with her Louis XVI, quadrille, in which some of the most prominent matrons of the younger set will dance. Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont may or may Sir Wm. Russell. not have her own quadrille. It is desired by people invited to the ball that the plan will not fall through, as the dancers, so far as goregousness of costume is concerned, would eclipse those earlier on the floor. Mrs. Lloyd Bryce, who was to have danced in the Astor opening quadrille, will be missed. Mrs. Bryce has been compelled to give up the ball, owing to the loss of a relative on the Cooper side of the house. The other dancers in this list are Mrs. Bendley Martin, Mrs. Stuy-vesant Fish, Mrs. J. F. D. Lanler, Frederic Townsend Martin, James J. Van Alen, Miss Angelica Gerry and Lispenard Stew-art.

> Some Additional Costumes. Mrs. F. W. Whittridge will attend the mil dressed as "Lydia Languish." Her

ball dressed as "Lydia Languish." Her gown will be of white satin and yellow brocade. Mr. Whittridge will escort her as Henry II.

Mrs. Henry II. Burnett will represent Marquise de Suffern, of Marle Antoinette's time. The waist and oversairt of this costume are of pink silk, brocaded with roses and leaves of natural hue. Mrs. Burnett will wear feathers in her powdered coffure. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson will both attend in old Colonial costumes.

Mr. Richard Peters will attend the ball in the costume of Duke de Guise and not as Cardinal Richelleu, as has been stated. Castel-Bert, the Metropolitan Opera House costumer, who has designed some of the most magnificent costumes that will be seen at the ball, has been so besieged with

the Scourge. Bombay, Feb. 3.-It is announced that the acceptance of the portfolio of Agriculture, Esher, Colonel the Hon. Sir W. Colville, conversation of the guests became spir- the honors to perfection. It is by no Government have decided to make use of The Postmaster-Generalship is the only the W. Russell, Sir Charles Stall, Q. C., the Postmaster-Generalship is the only M. B. Sir Released to make use of M. B. Sir Released to make sirce now will commence the many at as an antidote for the bubonic disease It has been supposed that it was held for of David Friedman, the baby that died attorneys for the Commonwealth, and they crai Clarke. General Sir Evelyn Wood.

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John Richely Carter and Commander
Cowles, U. S. N.

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Likely to exceed this in importance. The Commonwealth, and they which he will be the guest, but few are likely to exceed this in importance. The Cowles, U. S. N.

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Then will follow Mrs. Frederi'c Bronson's Louis XV. quadrille. It cannot properly pass as a debutantes' dance, as MRS. BRADLEY MARTIN'S GOSTUME FOR HER EALL MRS. BRADLEY MARTIN'S COSTUME FOR HER BALL.

> Mrs. Bradley Martin has decided on the costume she will wear at her fancy dress ball. It is the most magnificent affair imaginable, designed after a painting by Sir Peter Lely. The period is just before the time of Charles II. It has not the uncomfortable Elizabethan ruff, which Mrs. Martin objects to, as she has not a long neck. The materials are a pale blue sapphire velvet and a rich brocade of the same hue. The square-cut corsage widens as it recedes from the neck.

> This style will be most becoming to Mrs. Bradley Martin. She will wear magnificent jewels, which the style of the costume makes possible. The tapestries of the smaller ballroom, with canopied and rose-bestrewn dais, where Mrs. Bradley Martin will receive, were designed to harmonize with the costume to be worn by the hostess,

SCORES NEW YORK'S "400."

Labouchere Declares That Society People Here Copy social standing he much desired. From Europe's Most Vulgar Festivities.

[Copyright, 1807, by W. R. Hearst.] of the exclusives in European capitals. steen's schemes were frustrated. London, Feb. 3 .- Mr. Labouchere has this They compete with each other in contests to say in to-day's issue of Truth:

"No one is a heartler admirer of Amerideemed for the nonce to be the leader. cans than I am, but if they were to be judged by New York 'society,' a more corbeen disclosed at a recent trial, the New plans, one after another, becoming more

to be composed of very rich men, who are the orgies that disgraced Rome under the down.

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desirous of parodying the worst features | rule of the vilest of its emperors."

Postmaster-Generalship the Only Place No- Is denied by Mr. Porter. body Has Been Asked

Yet to Fill. Fy Julius Chambers.

and his friends assert that he, and not Mr. and the mother was unable to care for it. him money, until the time came when he

WILSON'S ACCEPTANCE IN. Heath, will secure the office. The story that he wants to be Ambassador to Italy

> A Kentucky delegation is here to-day in the interest of St. John Boyle for the Attorney-Generalship.

of David Friedman.

BACTERIA USED FOR MURDER.

Lawyer Wintersteen and His Alleged Tool, Clifton Knorr.

MANY MURDEROUS PLOTS

Accused of Attempting to Kill an Enemy by Using Bacilli.

DYNAMITE AND POISON.

Pennsylvania Town of Bloomsburg Excited Over a Sensational Case.

ALL PARTIES WELL KNOWN.

Authorities State That They Have Strong Circumstantial Evidence Against Both Defendants-Knorr Has Confessed the Scheme.

Bloomsburg, Pa., Feb. 3.-The case of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against Lloyd S. Wintersteen and Clifton Knorr one that it has shocked this quiet little country town, the county seat of Columbia County. Wintersteen, who is accused of such frightful crimes, denies that there is any truth in the confession which has been made by young Knorr and which so seriously implicates him. Here is the story: There lives here a

man whom the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is endeavoring to prove one of the greatest criminals the State ever produced, and ingenuity equals, it is alleged, the great murderer, H. H. Holmes. This man the world. According to the Commonwealth tion of two people who were in the way then he resolved that they should die. He he found a willing tool in the person of dered the young man as pliable in his grasp as a piece of putty. Lost His Socia Standing.

Knorr is not an ordinary man by means. He comes of one of the best famil-ies in Columbia County, a family of wealth and influence. He was well educated and graduated from Lehigh University with high honors, and apparently a brilliant career was before him. It was just after leaving college that he fell in with Wintersteen, and from that time his downfall comwell-behaved young man, he became dissipated, associated with low companions, and on more than one occasion caused his relatives to blush for his conduct. Whether his actions were due to the bad influences of Wintersteen, it is, of course, impossible to say. At any rate, the deeper he went into the mire the deeper he was in Wintersteen's power. All this time Wintersteen, it is alleged, was endeavoring to crush the greatest enemy, Hon. Levi E. Waller, an ex-Congressman Wintersteen had more than one cause

for hating Waller. When they were young men Waller, a leader in society here, had prevented Wintersteen from obtaining a that day Wintersteen hated Waller with all the strength of his nature. Such was his enmity toward Waller that time and again he planned and schemed to get the better of him in a business way, but each time Waller was on his guard, and Winter-

Tired at last of constant defeat, and des of estentiation, and the man who can spend the most meet the most meet the man who can spend the most meet meet the man who can spend the perate to the last degree. Wintersteen, according to the legal story, resolved upon a the most money at an entertainment is plan which, if successful, would rid him forever of his enemy. With an ingenuity rupt and contemptible crew never played. York jeunesse doree is not satisfied with and more desperate as fate protected and aping European society in its vulgarest as. shielded his intended victim, until at last "In the main, New York society seems pects; it seems anxious to go back to so bold did he become that the authorities were furnished a clew and ran him

Knorr's Confession. How many times he may have planned to kill Waller will never be known. Commonwealth has cognizance only of those attempts in which the young tool Wintersteen had been eleverly run down and Knorr had been removed from contact with Wintersteen, the influence which the Canton, Feb. 3.—Major McKinley received from James Wilson, of lown, to-night, his accordance of the portfolio of Agriculture.

BABY STARVED TO DEATH? lawyer possessed over the young man lost its force, and under the advice of friends knorr told off he knew. This confession makes a dramatic recital of incidents in a heard. Knorr made this confession to the

AMBASSADOR BAYARD'S BANQUET TABLE. London, Feb. 3.-Ambassador Bayard's house was covered with red carpet, over There were no set speeches, still the

dinner to-night, given in honor of the which was an awning. Prince of Wales, was certainly one of the E124 Wales the Last to Arrive. noteworthy gatherings of notable Lords Salisbury and Playfair were the rably brilliant. men for several years. It was an extraordinarily representative assembly, such as is brought together upon very few occasions.

first of the distinguished company to arrive, and the Prince of Wales was the last. His Royal Highness, attended by General Clarke, arriving in a two-horse brougham.

There was hardly one man among the English guests present who has not placed his mark on the history of this country.

Mr. Bayard spared neither pains nor ex-

o his hall was banked with flowers, topped with palms. In the reception room the United States and British flags were used as wall decorations.

The Speaker of the House gave his official dinner to-night and this prevented most genial mood, upon his right and Lord Northbrook, Earl Carrington, Thomas B.

The decorations of the House gave his official dinner to-night and this prevented Ministers who are members of the House for Commons of Commons for Commons f M. P.; Sir Rebert Clements Markham, Gen-penrance during the evening.

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Ferguson, United States Minister to Stock- moss, azaleas and lilies of the valley. The Despite his recent illness Mr. Bayard holm; Lord Baif our of Burleigh, Lord dessert was served at 10 o'clock, when the seemed wonderfully well to-night, and did

Cowles, U. S. N.

A small but envious crowd, chiefly comVictoria, and the Prince of Wales proVictoria, and the Prince of Wales pro-

event served its diplomatic purposes, while as a purely social affair it was incompa-